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17 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans [REDACTED]
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P
SUBJECT : System IV and VI

1. This memorandum has a recommendation for approval in paragraph 6.

2. For sometime, the undersigned has been concerned that System IV was being ignored because of our preoccupation with System VII and System VI. It was felt that the ARC should decide whether it had useful requirements to be met by System IV and, if not, to so inform the Project in order that any savings incident to its discontinuance could be achieved.

3. As a first step, I suggested to OSI that it study this question and prepare its views on System IV for the consideration of the ARC. Should your interest require a perusal of this study, it is attached for information. Whereas the object of the ARC was not to get agreement on the study, it is fair to say that the value of the System IV acquisition to date is not agreed. OSI tends to think highly of it, Air Force tends to discount it. But it is true that at the moment the only possible agreed use of System IV would be 50X1

[REDACTED] However, the ARC was of the view that if any risk were taken in that area through a peripheral mission, it should definitely be photographic. A separate recommendation on that question is being submitted.

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4. In the course of our discussions, the Air Force at first conceded that there may be some need for a peripheral System IV in this area after a peripheral photographic mission. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No other agency seems to be sufficiently aware of facts in this regard to concur in this view. I am in the process of seeking out the facts on this question. If the Air Force view is confirmed, however, I confess that I see no reason for the continued maintenance of System IV in the field. 50X1

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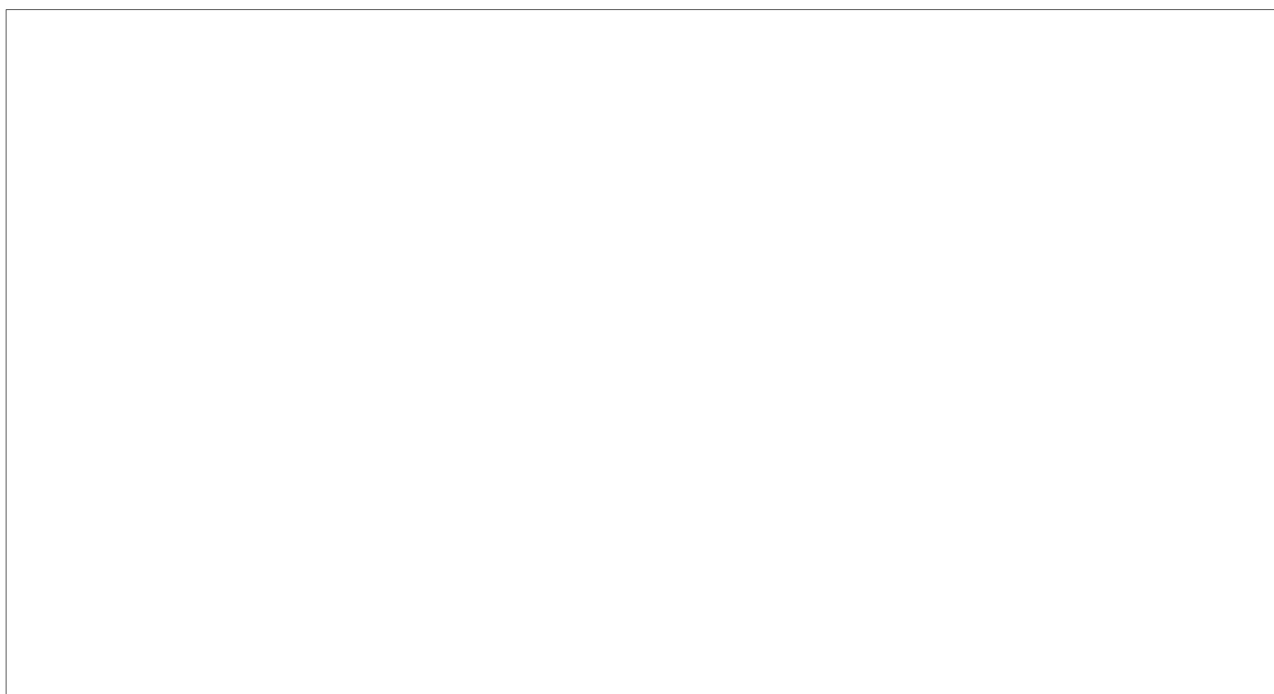
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5. The conclusion aforementioned is supported by the fact the ARC has never believed that penetration missions with System IV could be justified, particularly in the light of the need for photographic intelligence. The view has long been held that if a penetration was to be made, it should be photographic. [redacted] 50X1
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[redacted] I expect 50X1
to submit an ARC recommendation for the disposition of System IV in the near future. 50X1



7. The ARC recommends that the System VI be modified as proposed in paragraph 6, a. through e.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Recommendation in paragraph 7.
APPROVED

Approved in part -- See TCS-7252-60
dtd 1 April 1960 for comments. [redacted] 50X1

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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